

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the original Abstract with the following replacement Abstract:

--A data communication apparatus is provided that includes a data communication unit and a control unit. The data communication unit sends image data selected by a user to a printer via a serial bus, the image data selected by the user being sent from the data communication unit in response to entering a send instruction into the data communication apparatus. The control unit (a) inhibits, invalidates or ignores a predetermined user instruction while the data communication apparatus sends the image data selected by the user to the printer; (b) stops inhibiting, invalidating or ignoring the predetermined user instruction in response to receiving notice from the printer that the image data selected by the user is printed; and (c) stops inhibiting, invalidating or ignoring the predetermined user instruction in response to disconnecting the data communication apparatus from the serial bus.--